

**Amendments to the Claims:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in this Application:

1. (Currently amended) A method for ~~preventing~~reducing the incidence of atrial fibrillation (AF) in a subject with chronic heart failure comprising the administration of a therapeutically effective amount of an angiotensin-converting enzyme (ACE) inhibitor.

2. (Currently amended) A method as defined in claim 1, wherein said chronic heart failure is a result of ~~symptomatic or~~ asymptomatic left ventricular systolic dysfunction.

3. (Currently amended) A method as defined in claim ~~2~~1, wherein said chronic heart failure is a result of symptomatic left ventricular systolic dysfunction.

4. (Currently amended) A method as defined in claim 1, wherein said ACE inhibitor is selected from the group consisting of: enalapril (~~Vasotec®~~), captopril (~~Capoten®~~), lisinopril (~~Prinivil®~~, ~~Zestril®~~), quinapril (~~Accupril®~~), ramipril (~~Altace®~~), trandolapril (~~Mavick®~~), perindopril (~~Coversyl®~~), and fosinopril (~~Monopril®~~).

5. (Currently amended) A method as defined in claim 4, wherein the regimen for administration of the ACE inhibitor selected in claim 4 is the corresponding regimen selected from the group consisting of: said ACE inhibitor enalapril is administered in an amount of about 5-20 mg/day, said ACE inhibitor captopril is administered in an amount of about 150 mg/day, said ACE inhibitor lisinopril is administered in an amount of about 20 mg/day, said ACE inhibitor quinapril is administered in an amount of about 40 mg/day, said ACE inhibitor ramipril is administered in an amount of about 10 mg/day, said ACE inhibitor trandolapril is administered in an amount of about 4 mg/day, said ACE inhibitor perindopril is administered in an amount of about 8 mg/day, and said ACE inhibitor fosinopril is administered in an amount of about 20 mg/day.

6. (Original) A method as defined in claim 5, wherein said ACE inhibitor is enalapril.

7-12. (Cancelled).

13. (New) A method as defined in claim 5, wherein said ACE inhibitor is enalapril and the dosage is about 20 mg/day.